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# Press Release

## HARFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT

### Division of Emergency Operations

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## County Response to Friday's Storms is Underway

(Bel Air, MD) - - The Harford County Emergency Operations Center is currently coordinating the county's response to the heavy storms that passed through the area Friday evening.

A mobile command center was established in the Benson area near one of the hardest-hit parts of the county. The County Executive and representatives of County Government, the Volunteer Fire Service, the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), the utility companies, and other agencies have been on site to coordinate the on-the-ground recovery effort.

Technical Rescue Teams have completed a door-to-door search of residences in the most affected areas, and county officials have done a preliminary canvass of the area to assess damage to buildings.

County Executive Craig spoke with the Governor and representatives of MEMA to coordinate recovery efforts. He also met with a number of residents and business owners who sustained damage to their structures.

As of midnight, approximately 2,700 BGE customers remained without power. Residents utilizing generators for power are reminded that generators should be placed away from the home and attached garages in order to prevent the possibility of carbon monoxide poisoning. BGE crews remain in the area and will be working to restore power through the night and over the coming days.

Motorists are asked to avoid the U.S. Route 1 area (Belair Road) between Route 152 and the Bel Air Bypass for the time being to allow emergency personnel and utility crews to continue recovery efforts.

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